MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*): May I know from the member whether Government have started the sinking of two wells and have dropped half-way?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara.

116. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any representation for the starting of a Village Panchayat Court at Thrikkakara; and

(*b*) the decision of the Government in the matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*)

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Teaching of Arabic in Schools.

117. *MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools where provision for Arabic teaching to Muslim students was made during the last three years and

(*b*) the number of schools recommended for Arabic instruction being imparted during the period?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 28.

(*b*) 37.

Arabic Munshies.

118. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of schools in which Arabic Munshies are appointed;

(*b*) whether there is any representation for appointing Arabic Munshies in any other school in the State; and

(*c*) if so how many?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) 67.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 5.

Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test.

119. *MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of Muslims who have passed the Arabic Munshies' Test (higher and lower grade) and

(*b*) of these how many are appointed?

MR R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) Higher grade 21.

Lower grade—133.

(*b*) 118.

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These figures relate only to the period from 1104 when the scheme for the conduct of the Higher and Lower grade Arabic Munshies' Examination came into force.

Principle for promotions in the ministerial staff of the Judicial Department.

120. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the basic principles on which promotions are made in the ministerial staff of the Judicial Department;

(*b*) whether law qualification is a main consideration in the matter of promotions; and

(*c*) whether the total service in a particular grade of a candidate counts in the matter of promotions?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Service, qualifications and efficiency.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes, other qualifications existing.

Promotion of Law Graduate Clerks in the Judicial Department.

121. *MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether those who obtain degrees in law examinations are given preference in the matter of promotions in the ministerial staff in the Judicial Department?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Police Out-post at Kattathurai.

122. *MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Police Out-post at Kattathurai has been permanently abolished?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*) Yes.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member what were the reasons that weighed with the Government for the abolition of the Out-post?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I claim notice.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*): May I know from the member what is the distance of the nearest Police Station from the Kattathurai Out-post?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I could not tell off-hand.

Tax on cocoanut gardens.

123. *MR. M. N. NAIR (*Kottayam I*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the amount of land tax collected on lands having cocoanut trees, in 1098 and in 1108?

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